

FAIR WOMAN'S HAND

Will Wield a Mighty Power in the Pending Battle for the Amendment.

SOME STARTLING STORIES

About an Alleged Campaign Assessment on Liquor Dealers.

LACKAWANNA AGAINST PROHIBITION

The Constitutional Campaign in Scranton—Strange Stories of a Political Assessment—The Assurances Denied—Five Illegal Sellers to One Licensed Saloon—Prohibitionists Can Raise Funds Easier Than the Licensed Dealers—The Defeat of the Amendment in Lackawanna Counted—The Catholic Vote Divided.

Lackawanna county will, according to estimates set forth below, give a majority against the Constitutional amendment. It is uncertain as to how much. The county was not organized in 1873, but was then a part of Luzerne, so that local option forms no criterion for Lackawanna. A story about alleged promises on the part of the National Republican managers, and some startling facts about wholesale violations of the Brooks law in the anthracite mining regions have been given our special commissioner by a prominent liquor man of Scranton. Thus far THE DISPATCH'S canvasses shows the following result:

| COUNTIES. | Advocate of Amendment. | Opponent of Amendment. |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Armstrong | In favor of 8,982 | Adopted 8,982 |
| Beaver | In favor of 1,391 | Adopted 1,391 |
| Berks | In favor of 2,292 | Adopted 2,292 |
| Butler | In favor of 1,702 | Adopted 1,702 |
| Cameron | In favor of 2,347 | Adopted 2,347 |
| Carbon | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Columbia | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Dauphin | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Erie | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Fayette | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Harrisburg | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Haverhill | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Huntingdon | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Indiana | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Juniata | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Lancaster | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Lebanon | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Luzerne | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Maryland | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Monroe | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Morgan | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Northampton | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Penns. | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Perry | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Potter | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Richmond | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Somerset | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Union | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Warren | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Washington | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| Westmoreland | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |
| York | In favor of 1,413 | Adopted 1,413 |

*Aggregate of votes for Harrison, Cleveland and Fisk.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.]
SCRANTON, February 11.—Some rather startling features mark the opening of the Constitutional amendment campaign in this city. They are of more than local interest. A very prominent hotel proprietor, whose bar receipts are said to be heavier than any saloon keeper in town, was the first person to make the allegations in my hearing. He was perfectly willing that they should be published, but for obvious reasons stipulated that his name should not be printed. Another well-known liquor seller was present during the interview and corroborated every word of it. The hotel-keeper said: "I do not know whether it is good or bad to have this go in print or not, but it is already common talk around here. On or about the 15th of October, 1888, letters were received by brewers and liquor men in this city, from the Republican committee, asking for a contribution of \$200,000 from the brewers and distillers of Pennsylvania to help elect Harrison President. That was Quay's second pull on the liquor interests for campaign funds. I have heard that he got \$250,000 from them before that."

True or False?
In the second pull it was promised or intimated strongly in these letters that if the money was subscribed, the Constitutional amendment resolution would be knocked out in the Pennsylvania Senate. You know Senators, or a sufficient number of them to prevent a legal majority being given, were not pledged to support the measure. All the Republican members of the House were pledged, they being elected every year. But a majority of the Senators held over from election, prior to the Lecompton plague. There are no such letters to the city who received some of these letters. So did Pittsburgh brewers. I'm surprised that it hasn't leaked out in Pittsburgh before this. Now, if Quay couldn't kill this thing in the Senate, how is he going to do it in June? It might have done it at a general election, but instead of that we are given the worst kind of a deal for liquor men, a special election.

I didn't tell the gentleman, but while I noted down his story I mentally recorded it as a campaign story. In the next two hours I heard practically the same allegations from other persons, and I determined to get hold of one of these National Committee letters, if they really existed. There are only three brewers in Scranton, and I hunted up the largest of them all, August Robinson.

A Brewer Denies It.
He is a Democrat, but the hotel proprietor had also alleged that by the wily promise both Republican and Democratic whisky and beer men were gotten into the campaign fund. Mr. Robinson said: "There is nothing in the story so far as it relates to Scranton. No such letters were received here that I can learn of, and I am sure I never gave a cent to the Republican campaign fund last year. It would be to be raised on any such promise it could be done by assessment through the State Legislature, independent of the politics of the brewer, and not by individual solicitation from the National Republican Committee. If any such letters were sent to any brewer, they would be sent in such a manner that the trace would be completely covered. I do not believe it, I have heard this story twice, especially from traveling men who pass through Scranton from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. My brother, Sheriff Robinson, of this county, was in Philadelphia this week, and he spent several days among the brewers there trying to find it. It was true or not. He found no authority whatever for the story, and surely such a scheme would be tried first on the great liquor interests of the large cities before it would be on us."

No other brewers could be found during my brief stay in Scranton. The story is simply given for what it is worth—as a bit of gossip which is freely talked about in this part of the State.

Another Startling Fact.
But to continue the hotel proprietor's conversation will expose another startling matter, and this is a fact. He said: "The outlook for the liquor dealers in Lackawanna county is very gloomy just at present. There are to-day about 400 places in the county licensed to sell liquor. But there are 1,400 stores now selling liquor. In other words, there are fully 1,000 unlicensed saloons in full blast in the county. Yes, more than that at least five illegal sellers to one licensed seller. You need only step around the corner to the internal revenue office and look at the Government list of saloons to get confirmation of this statement. Only 50 licenses have been refused by judges, too."

Well, then, my friend and I have just this moment returned from a consultation with our brother licensed liquor dealers. My proposition to them has been to form a close combination with all the unlicensed sellers for the purpose of making a united front against the Constitutional amendment. We must get to work or we will lose the fight in the State. We all recognize that, but two-thirds of the licensed saloons in this city refuse absolutely to have anything to do with the unlicensed men. They can't see that we are all both licensed and unlicensed—in the same boat just now. They want to keep their money in the pay of Pinkerton detectives to clean out their holes, and thus protect themselves. Ordinarily that is a good scheme, but just now it is impracticable. Electioneering against the amendment, and let the other go until after June."

But, my friend, a failure from my standpoint, as well as from that of the temperance man, because there are more saloons here now than before it existed, and because the responsible dealers are compelled to pay high license, while the laxity of officials permits five times our number to sell without any license. But, my friend, what if the license question is not our danger?

Dare Not Refuse.
I could go right from this room now to a dozen of the unlicensed saloons and get more money for the amendment campaign than I could get from 400 licensed saloons. The unlicensed men dare not refuse us money. The licensed man can do as he pleases."

There is just our trouble in Lackawanna county, and that is a solid union of solid union. Electioneering is out of the question. I think, however, Lackawanna will defeat the amendment under any circumstances. We are anxious, though, that the judges be not so lenient in question, so as to help save the State. Seriously, we are going to have hard work to do. There is no use of talking in terms of election, but they are not serious, and good authority here expresses the opinion that unless the exposure of the programme tends to break the deadlock at Scranton, the plan will be worked successfully."

CHAMPION SKATER OF THE WORLD.
Young Joe Donoghue Returns From Europe, Wrapped in Glory.
NEW YORK, February 11.—Joe Donoghue returned from foreign shores to-day, wrapped in glory of many victories and the title of champion skater of the world. He was just 18 months old to-day. G. L. M. Sachs, who took him abroad and watched his interests there, returned with him. They went at once to the Manhattan Athletic Club.

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A SENATORIAL SCHEME.

One Way to Settle the West Virginia Difficulty—A Trick to Divide the Plums—Carr's Powerful Vote Is the Lever.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]
WHEELING, February 11.—The most startling and ingenious scheme yet suggested for the settlement of the situation at Charleston with regard to the position of Governor and United States Senator is one which is reached for as authentic and which has never misled the public, and which, during the Senatorial imbroglio of two years ago, proved uniformly reliable. The scheme is said to have been begotten of the ambition and shrewdness of Henry S. Walker, Secretary of State, and has for its purpose the elevation of Governor Wilson to the Senate and President Carr, of the State Senate, to the Governor's chair and the retention of the Secretary of State's job birth for Walker until the next regular session of the Legislature in 1890.

Briefly outlined the scheme is this: Carr will refrain from voting for any candidate for Senator, when there is a possibility of his vote electing. It is believed that as matters now stand no election can take place without the aid of Carr's vote. The legislative term expires by limitation February 23, and there being no legally declared Governor, the present Governor, E. W. Wilson, will, under the Constitution, remain in office for a year after the expiration of his term and then resign.

To the vacancy thus created Carr, by Constitutional provision, will succeed, and will proceed to take the oath of office, to appoint Wilson Senator and Walker Secretary of State. Carr will then refuse to reconvene the Legislature extra session, and will wait until the end of the year or will hold the office until the regular session convenes in January, 1890.

There are obstacles in the way of carrying out this bold scheme, but they are not serious, and good authority here expresses the opinion that unless the exposure of the programme tends to break the deadlock at Scranton, the plan will be worked successfully."

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HIS HAND AT HIS EAR.

Mr. Blaine Waiting to Hear a Call From President-Elect Harrison.

Signs of a Big Row Ahead.

Platt Fearfully Afraid He's Going to be Left Out in the Cold.

COLMAN'S CHANCES OF CONFIRMATION.

He Will Very Probably be a Member of a Cabinet for Three Weeks.

According to a close friend of Mr. Blaine, whose modesty forbids his making himself being more closely identified, the Plumed Knight hasn't had a word from Harrison on the Cabinet question. It is asserted that the exclusiveness and reserve of the President-elect are creating bad feeling. A row like that which occurred over the Garfield Cabinet is even predicted. Ex-Secretary Platt's visit to Washington was for the purpose of making one last effort to get into the Cabinet. Commissioner Colman is likely to be confirmed as the eighth member of President Cleveland's Cabinet.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]
WASHINGTON, February 11.—The impression is gaining ground here that the story that Hon. James G. Blaine has not been offered a Cabinet position is true. One of Mr. Blaine's closest friends tells the correspondent of THE DISPATCH that there has been no communication whatever between Harrison and Blaine on the question of the Cabinet. He asserts that he has this from the ex-Secretary's own mouth. This friend asserts that if Harrison thinks he can make up his mind without consulting anybody, and comes to Washington on the 4th of March with an unknown Cabinet in his pocket, Mr. Blaine will not accept if his name be in the list.

A great deal of bad feeling is springing up among the Republican leaders on account of the story that Harrison is treating the Cabinet question, and there are prospects of a row as lively as that which marked the induction into office of President Garfield.

PLATT'S CHANCES AND FISH.
THOMAS C. Platt returned to New York on the limited this afternoon. He spent a very busy day up to the time the train left, but went away feeling that he had not accomplished quite as much as he desired. Mr. Platt announced to the newspapers that he came to Washington on purely private business in connection with the new Treasury contract with express companies for conveying mail matter. He said that he is, however, with Mr. Platt at the time of his visit to Washington. He said that he is, however, with Mr. Platt at the time of his visit to Washington. He said that he is, however, with Mr. Platt at the time of his visit to Washington.

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